



First Presbyterian Church

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

January 13, 2019

11:00 a.m.

Baptism of the Lord

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The mission of First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg is to be and make disciples of Jesus Christ, who know God and, through love, serve the Lord and others. We will accomplish our mission by practicing radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission, and extravagant generosity.

PREPARATION

(Please use the prelude as a time for reflection and preparation for worship.)

**Please stand, if able. Responses are in boldface.*

PRELUDE

Chorale and chorale prelude on "Das alte Jahr
vergangen ist," BWV 614 (The Old Year Now
Hath Passed Away)

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Jack Rain, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather from East and West, from North and South. God is calling us; listen, for God is naming you.

The voice of God thunders through our midst. The voice of God is powerful and full of majesty.

Bow in awe before the one who created you. God knows you completely, yet accepts you.

The voice of God commands our attention. The voice of God is like fire and tornado.

God reaches out to strengthen, not condemn us. God brings us through terror to a place of peace.

Ascribe to God glory and strength. Worship God in awe, wonder, and joy!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN 159“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” KINGSFOLD**

PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Karen Kisten, Elder

O God, the waters of faithfulness run deep, and we have been afraid they will overwhelm us. The fires of your Spirit burn brightly, and we fear we may be consumed if we display too much enthusiasm. We retreat to safe places where we hope to avoid challenges, conflicts, and uncertainty. When we shrink from risks, we miss much that enriches life. We fail to notice your amazing activity among those who respond to your leading. Free us, we pray, for daring service. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Karen Kisten

God has redeemed us, claimed us, called us by name. We are precious in God’s sight. Surely our God will strengthen us to face times of difficulty. There are no safe hiding places in life, only the assurance of a relationship with a God whom we can trust in life and in death. Our God forgives and empowers. God blesses us with a peace that is more powerful than any outward circumstance. The assurances of God are eternal. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(Children are invited to come forward to the pulpit area for the Children's Sermon. Afterward, they may return to their parent or guardian or leave the sanctuary for Godly Play.)

HYMN 482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Lesson: Psalm 29 (read responsively)
(pew Bible, *Old Testament*, page 621)

Karen Kisten

Second Lesson: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
(pew Bible, *New Testament*, page 73)

Dr. Dawn Conti

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Windshields and Rearview Mirrors"

Dr. Dawn Conti

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

(concluding with) **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Baptism of Jesus"

Sue Mitchell-Wallace

Chancel Choir

(b. 1944)

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John, he did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one. He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins, to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss, for us and our salvation to die upon the cross. So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man, the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began. Come Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make, this very day invade us, and every bondage break. Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most: to share the resurrection, that leads to Pentecost.

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

***RECESSIONAL HYMN 490**

“Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

BEACH SPRING

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Allein Gott in der Höh’ sei Ehr’,” BWV 715
(All Glory Be to God on High)

J. S. Bach

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FPC NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

A digital copy of each Sunday's 11:00 a.m. order of worship and announcements can be found on our website: www.fpcstpete.com. On the home page, click on "Sundays" then scroll down to "Sunday's Bulletin." Also online: our **Calendar of Events** is updated as we receive information, and may be accessed from our website's "Events" tab at the top of the page.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today were given to the glory of God and in memory of Kenyon Oliver by his parents Gene & Sherry Oliver.

If you would like to honor or memorialize a loved one with chancel flowers, please fill out a green envelope, available in the church pew. Enclose your donation of \$45 with the memo "Chancel flowers." Flower envelopes may be dropped in the offering plate or delivered to the church office.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in prayer: Ruth Bafaro, Millie Bradley, Phoebe Catlin, Kat Cline, Bill Davenport, Joan Evans, Julie Evans, James Gonzales, Nancy Grandoff, Ron Hall, Claire Hoel, Hilman and Ann Holifield, Jean Howie, Barbara Hubbell, Walter Huber, Gary Hunt, Bonnie Jackson, Shirnice Johnson, Jim and Iberia Johnston, Glenice Kelley, Michael Liguori, Tom and Marie Machuga, Dave and Pam Malone, Barbara Mauger, Gayle Moore, Camille Moran-Styles, Anne Mulder, Tamara



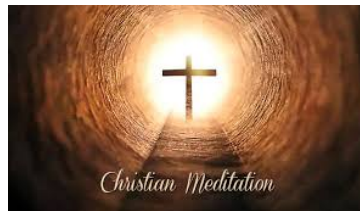
Murphy, Del and Janet Poling, Jane Pruitt, Bob and Jean Reed, Lee Scott, Jane Snoke, Laura Unger, and Rev. Alice Winters.

Please pray for our family and friends serving in the military:

James Loeblein, USN; 1st LT. Taina Specie, USA; 2nd LT. Liam Shelton, USA; 2nd LT. Mallory Wasik, USMC; CPT. Robert Wilson, USAF. *Please provide us with mailing addresses for our card ministry.* If you know of others, please contact **Blanche Ganey** (bganey@fpc-stpete.org).



MEDITATION FOR CHRISTIANS



You are invited to experience meditation in a small group. We

meet on alternate Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22, in the chapel from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our group leader is **Carlen Maddux**. For more information, please contact **John Sims** (8674032, or

simsjr@eckerd.edu). We welcome your inquiries and presence.

CON BRIO! THE BRASS ROOTS TRIO

CONCERT—TODAY

AT 4 P.M.

Please come out this afternoon and enjoy this great concert.



CREATING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY PROGRAM & DINNER

The Stewardship Committee and Pastor Dawn invite all leaders of the church to the workshop, “Creating a Culture of Generosity,” on Wednesday, January 16th. Robert Hay, a Ministry Relations Officer for the PC(USA), will lead the workshop. Robert assists congregations with financial matters, including changing the conversation about Stewardship in churches. We will start with dinner at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program will begin about 6:30 p.m. and will end at 8 p.m. Please RSVP to Donna Bernloehr at DBernloehr@fpc-stpete.org. Peter Bardin, Brad Hussung and crew will be preparing their delicious meatloaf dinner. This program is provided by the larger church at no cost to FPC; however,

a \$5 donation per person for dinner is suggested.

SAVE THE DATE



The St. Olaf Choir concert will be held at First Presbyterian Church

on Friday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://wp.stolaf.edu/stolaf-choir/>

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

Have you ever considered making a charitable gift from your IRA? If you are over the age of 70 1/2, perhaps you should! Here is a tax-savvy strategy that allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your traditional IRA directly to qualified charities, such as your church. If you are 70½, it is tax smart to fund your charitable gifts by Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). These reduce your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) which may also reduce your Federal taxes, and surcharges on Medicare and Part D Drug Plans. Any amount processed as a QCD counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and reduces the taxable amount of your traditional IRA distribution. If you are over age 70

1/2, consider taking advantage of the QCD.

PAY YOUR PLEDGE ONLINE



Remember you can make your pledge even when you are out of town. Simply go to our website and create a log-in. You can set up a one-time payment or, better yet, set up regular payments on a schedule that works for you. Contact **Blanche Ganey** in the church office (bganey@fpc-stpete.org or 828-3979) and she can set up auto debit for you.

PER CAPITA 2019

The 2019 PC(USA) per capita fee amounts to \$32.20 per confirmed member. Please consider contributing the appropriate amount for your household's per capita assessment.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY COMES TO FPC!

Beginning Wednesday, February 13th you will have the opportunity to “Start Winning with Money”, using the step-by-step plan, taught through Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University. Former FPC member, Craig Kilroy will teach the 9-week course that has helped

thousands increase their financial security.

When: Wednesday evenings (excluding Ash Wednesday), February 13 - April 17

What Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

Where: The Chapel

This is an extension of the Wednesday Night Live program. Participants are invited to enjoy dinner in Fellowship Hall at 5:30. Children are invited to participate in the Messy Church program and may stay for extended childcare, after.

Look for more information on this exciting program in the FPC weekly email, posters around campus and a variety of other communications, in the coming weeks. This event is open to everyone. Feel free to invite family and friends.

SUNDAY, January 13

Communion Worship 8:15 AM Chapel
Contemporary Worship 9:00 AM F'shp Hall
Contemporary Faith Class 9:45 AM N-218
Faith-Filled Families Class 9:45 AM S-100
Faith Journey Class 9:45 AM S-202
Westminster Class 9:45 AM N-123
FPC Bus-Westminster Shores 9:45 AM Church Bus
Children's Sunday School 10:00 AM S-103
Youth Sunday School 10:00 AM Youth Cntr
FPC Bus-Westminster Suncoast 10:00 AM Church Bus
FPC Bus-Presbyterian Tower 10:15 AM Church Bus
FPC Bus-Westminster Palms 10:30 AM Church Bus
Valet Parking 10:30 AM
Classic Worship with choir 11:00 AM Sanctuary
Brass Roots Trio Concert 4:00 PM Sanctuary
Youth Group 5:00 PM Youth Cntr
Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 PM N-123

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM
Child Care
PW Circle 3 9:30 AM Off-site
PW Circle 6 10:00 AM S-100
PW Circle 4 1:00 PM Off-site
Pers & Admin Comm. Mtg. 5:00 PM Pastors
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All Committees Gathering 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Girl Scout Troop 094 6:30 PM S-206
All Committee meetings 7:00 PM Campus

TUESDAY, January 15

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM
Child Care

Beth Moore Bible Study 9:15 AM
Youth Cntr
Contemporary Praise and Worship Leader ♦ Jack Rain, Organist ♦ David Aumack, Youth Coordinator ♦ Rev.
Children's Chapel 9:15 AM F'shp Hall
Faith Development Bible Study 9:00 AM S-100
PW Circle 4 1:00 PM Off-site
Coordinator ♦ Stacey Ramirez, Director of Child Care ♦ Linda Champion, Staff Accountant ♦ Blanche
Ganey, Office Manager ♦ Johnny Miller, Building & Grounds Superintendent ♦ Bob Langley, Custodian
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Church Staff Meeting 2:30 PM N-218
Beth Moore Bible Study 6:30 PM Youth Cntr
Finance Committee mtg. 6:30 PM S-218
Girl Scout Troop 465 6:30 PM S-206
Alcoholics Anonymous 7:30 PM N-121

WEDNESDAY, January 16

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM
Child Care
Children's Chapel 9:15 AM F'shp Hall
Generosity Dinner 6:00 PM F'shp Hall
AA for Women 7:00 PM N-121
Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00 PM F'shp Hall

THURSDAY, January 17

Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM
Child Care
Girl Scout Troop 560 6:00 PM S-206
BSF Women's Bible Study 6:55 PM F'shp Hall
Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Choir Room

FRIDAY, January 18

Men's Sunrise Bible Study 7:30 AM N-123
Parents' Morning Out (PMO) 9:00 AM
Child Care
Bible Study Lunch Bunch 12:00 PM Off-site
Girl Scout Troop 560 6:00 PM S-206

SATURDAY, January 19

Kids' Night Out 5:00 PM Youth Cntr
New Hope Christian F'ship 5:30 PM Offsite
Al-Anon Family Group 7:00 PM N-123